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(54) **A hybrid CDMA and TDMA radio access scheme for personal satellite communication systems**

(57) To accomplish the object of high user capacity and high power efficiency, the invention is characterized in that the base station transmits control information in the forward link to each of the at least one user terminals for enabling the user terminal to transmit its signals in the return link in a mode to reach signal arrival at the base station that is quasi-synchronous with respect to the time and frequency reference in the base station.

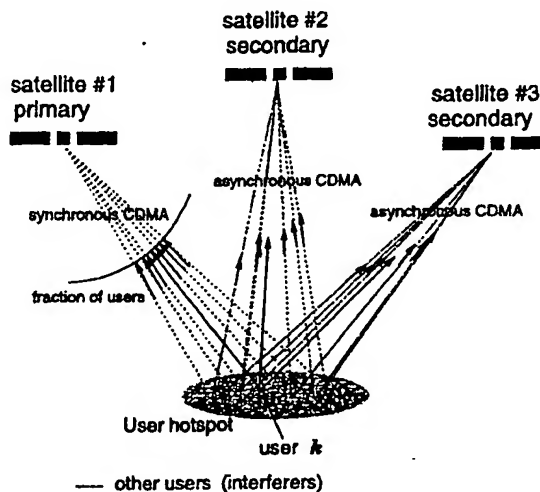


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